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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): THIN FILM FORMING APPARATUS AND THIN FILM FORMING METHOD

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XX 43 pages of Specification / Claims 1 - 10 / Abstract are attached.
XX Drawings (Figs. 1-12 ; 9 sheets) are attached.
XX A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
XX An assignment of the invention to ULVAC, Inc. is attached, along with Form PTO-1595.
XX An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and References (6).
XX Priority of Japanese Application Nos. 2002-301961; filed October 16, 2002 and 2003-271298; filed July 7, 2003 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
XX A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

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